

List of Current Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 9 (Cancelled).

10. (Previously presented) A method for operating a field device of automation technology, which is connected by way of a data bus with a control system, by means of a graphical user interface (GUI) and a device description file for the field device, comprising the steps of:

loading the device description file having two components, a data component and a presentation component, together dynamically at run time, by means of an appropriate browser, said data component is written in the form of an XML file and the presentation component in the form of an XSL file; and

dynamically producing an HTML page, which represents a graphical user interface for the field device, from the XML file and the XSL file, wherein:

the HTML page displayed by the browser can be dynamically changed, so that the graphical user interface is matched to the field device.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein: the run time environment is a Microsoft platform.

13. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein: the data component contains parameter names, event and alarm texts, as coded additional information.

14. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein: the presentation component contains information for visualizing and explaining the process component of concern.

15. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising the step of:

providing dynamic, relevant links on the GUI for invoking an online/offline help.

16. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein:
the operation includes start-up, maintenance, simulation, data protection, problem removal and device documentation.

17. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising the step of:

using the Internet Explorer of Microsoft® as the browser.

18. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

using the Netscape Navigator of Netscape as the browser.